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FOR NEA ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON AND AID ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR
NOOTER FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS WITH SYRIA

1. I WISH TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE THANKS FOR THE EXCELLENT WORK
IN DEPARTMENT AND AID/W WHICH IS LEADING TO WHAT PRINCIPAL SYRIAN
NEGOTIATOR, DEPUTY PLANNING MINISTER HELOU, TELLS
US WILL BE SIGNATURE OF ALL THREE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS ON
THURSDAY, FEB. 27: A) AGRICULTURAL INPUTS AND PRODUCTION
LOAN; B) TECHNICAL SERVICES AND FEASIBILITY STUDIES GRANT
AGREEMENT; AND C) GENERAL PARTICIPANT TRAINING GRANT AGREEMENT.

2. WITH FOLLOWING THREE SEPTELS, WE ARE COMMENTING ON
EACH AGREEMENT AND REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION FOR ME TO SIGN
THE AGREEMENTS ON FEB. 27. I REALIZE THERE WILL BE CONSIDERABLE
CRASH EFFORT BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND DAMASCUS TO MEET
THIS DEADLINE, BUT SIGNAL IS CLEAR FROM SARG THAT IT NOW WANTS
TO SIGN THESE THREE AGREEMENTS BEFORE FEB 28 DEADLINE.

3. APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING NEEDED REPLIES
TO US SOONEST.
MURPHY

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